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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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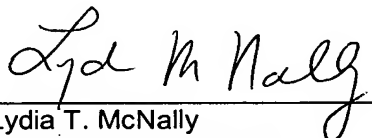
STATUS REQUEST

Sir:

Applicants respectfully inquire as to the status of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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